

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
DISTRICT OF MASSACHUSETTS

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA)

v.)

M.B.D. Case No. 19-91420-
RGS

KATHLEEN NOFTLE,
Defendant)

ORDER OF CONTINUANCE AND EXCLUDABLE DELAY

September 27, 2019

STEARNS, D.J.,

Upon consideration of the parties' joint motion seeking an order of continuance and excludable delay, the Court finds as follows:

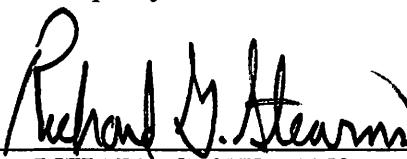
1. The parties anticipate engaging in discussions regarding the possible resolution of this matter (which was initiated by a criminal complaint in *United States v. Kathleen Noftle*, Criminal No. 19-mj-05276-JGD), which might obviate the need for an indictment, and the requested continuance of the time in which an indictment or information must be filed will permit defense counsel to adequately confer with the defendant and allow the parties to further discuss and finalize the terms of any plea agreement, before the government is required to seek an indictment or information. Such an agreement, in conjunction with a pre-indictment plea, may work to the defendant's benefit or conserve judicial resources.

3. Accordingly, the ends of justice served by granting the requested continuance, and excluding the time period from September 18, 2019 through and including November 19, 2019 from the speedy trial clock, outweigh the best interests of the public and the defendant in a speedy trial pursuant to the Speedy Trial Act, 18 U.S.C. §§3161(h)(7)(A), and Sections 5(b)(7)(B) and

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5(c)(1)(A) of the *Plan for Prompt Disposition of Criminal Cases* for the United States District Court for the District of Massachusetts (effective December 2008).

Accordingly, the Court hereby grants the parties' joint motion and **ORDERS** that, pursuant to the Speedy Trial Act, 18 U.S.C. §§3161(h)(7)(A), and Sections 5(b)(7)(B) and 5(c)(1)(A) of the *Plan for Prompt Disposition of Criminal Cases*, (1) the date on which an indictment or information must be filed is continued to November 19, 2019; and (2) the period from September 18, 2019 through and including November 19, 2019 is excluded from the speedy trial clock and from the time within which an indictment or information must be filed.



HON. RICHARD G. STEARNS
UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT JUDGE

10-1-19.